THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No Sir. The selection of these posts have been made by Union Public Service Commission as per the Recruitment Rules through circulation and advertisement in the Employment News. No question arises of dilution of the criteria for these posts to favour any person.

(b) and (c) Selection has been made by Union Public Service Commission by holding interviews of all eligible candidates.

(d) It is not mandatory that the post of Director (E&M) would be filled up by IES and ISS Officers. In response to the circulation of post, not a single IES/ISS officer applied for the post through proper channel. In this case also, selection has been made by Union Public Service Commission by holding personal interviews of eligible candidates.

Killings by UPDS in Karbi Anglong District of Assam

5540. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assessments of Government as regards to the recent killings in Karbi Anglong district of Assam by United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) combined forces of KNV and KPF;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to keep away NSCN (IM) from supporting UPDS as per ceasefire agreement with NSCN (IM); and

(c) whether Government are considering to raise Karbi Anglong and North Cachar hills districts into an autonomous State within the State of Assam as per provisions of Article 244(A) of the Indian Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The assessment of the Government is that United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) has carried out recent killings in Karbi Anglong district of Assam to terrorize Non-Karbi population.

(b) As per the Agreement with NSCN (IM), they have assured not to support any other militant group in the North East.

(c) No, Sir.

Mechanism for deciding the Salaries of MPs

5541. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: